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SUBJECT: EXIM BANK ARREARAGES

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1. ECONOFF HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSION OCT. 9, WITH DEPUTY GOVERNOR BANK OF SUDAN, AL FAKI MUSTAFA, CONCERNING EXIM BANK ARREARAGES AND IMPORTANCE OF MAKING CURRENT PAYMENTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CREDIT AVAILABILITIES FOR SUDAN. SUBSEQUENTLY, ECONOFF CALLED ON BANK OF KHARTOUM AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL AND EMBARRASSINGLY FOUND THAT NONE OF THE TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 REFTEL INVOLVED THIS BANK.

2. BEFORE WE MAKE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO THE BANK OF SUDAN, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION ON STATUS OF PAYMENTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN BOOKKEEPING PROBLEMS IN THE BANK OF SUDAN WHICH FREQUENTLY CAUSE DIFFICULTIES WHICH ARE NOT ENTIRELY DUE TO FOREIGN EXCHANGE AVAILABILITY.

3. ALTHOUGH THIS IS UNUSUAL PROCEDURE, IT MAY BE USEFUL IF ON A MONTHLY BASIS THE EMBASSY CAN INFORMALLY PASS TO THE BANK OF SUDAN A SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS DUE DURING THE NEXT 60 DAYS. WE SEE MANY ADVANTAGES TO FOLLOWING SUCH A PROCEDURE IN A COUNTRY WITH SUCH OUTSTANDING LONG-TERM COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS FOR THE US.

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